



Plate 1. STELA 1

A god or priest of storms and fishing is shown controlling the rain cycle; a typical Izapa stylized jaguar mask panel appears above and supports a celestial scene. Group A, Mound 58, facing North, associated with Altar 1. Gray andesite; 168 cm. high, 84 cm. wide, 53 cm. thick.



Plate 2. STELA 1 WITH TRACING



Plate 3. STELA 2

Human figures shown near the top of the calabash tree supplicate a descending anthropomorphic winged deity. Group A, Mound 58, facing North. Medium gray andesite; 144 cm. high, 98 cm. wide, 30 cm. thick.



Plate 4. STELA 2 WITH TRACING



Plate 5. STELA 3

A human head is shown in a U symbol above an earth serpent which is controlled by a deity impersonator. Group A, Mound 58, facing North, associated with Altar 2. Gray andesite; 142 cm. high, 105 cm. wide, 30 cm. thick.



Plate 6. STELA 3 WITH TRACING



Plate 7. STELA 4

A priest or deity impersonator is shown with a descending anthropomorphic winged deity.
Group A, Mound 56, facing South, possibly associated originally with Altar 3 (Plate 57).
Gray andesite; 194 cm. high, 80 cm. wide, 57 cm. thick.



Plate 8. STELA 4 WITH TRACING



Plate 9. STELA 5

The tree of life is the center of the complex cosmological or road of life myth depicted here. Group A, Mound 56, facing South, associated with Altar 36. Gray andesite; 158 cm. high, 160 cm. wide, 84 cm. thick.



Plate 10. STELA 5 WITH TRACING



Plate 11. STELA 6

An obese composite zoological deity impersonator controls a human figure in a U symbol above its open mouth. Group A, Mound 56, facing South, associated with Altar 4. Gray andesite; 146 cm. high, 95 cm. wide, 50 cm. thick.



Plate 12. STELA 6 WITH TRACING



Plate 13. STELA 7

A downward-gazing deity mask in the upper panel overlooks a double-headed earth serpent, which touches the sky serpent on the left and supports a human figure on the right. Group A, Mound 56, facing South, possibly associated with Altar 3 (Plate 57). Salmon colored granite; 170 cm. high, 128 cm. wide, 45 cm. thick.



Plate 14. STELA 7 WITH TRACING



Plate 15. STELA 8

A human figure is seated on a throne within a *kan* cross cartouche below an indistinct (possibly insect) motif. Group B, Mound 30d, facing South, associated with Altar 5. Gabbro; 156 cm. high, 83 cm. wide, 30 cm. thick.



Plate 16. STELA 8 WITH TRACING



Plate 17. STELA 9

An elevated anthropomorphic winged deity impersonator carries on his back a small human figure who gazes upward. Group B, Mound 30d, facing South, associated with Altar 6. Quartz diorite; 189 cm. high, 150 cm. wide, 50 cm. thick.



Plate 18. STELA 9 WITH TRACING



Plate 19. STELA 10

Two small human figures hold a sceptre to the abdomen of an obese figure leaning against a tree. Group B, Mound 30d, facing South, associated with Altar 7. Gray andesite; 130 cm. high, 95 cm. wide, 50 cm. thick.



Plate 20. STELA 10 WITH TRACING



Plate 21. STELA 11

An anthropomorphic sky deity is shown within the mouth of a jaguar deity impersonator who sits on a double-headed-U earth serpent. Group B, Mound 47, facing East. Volcanic tuff; 153 cm. high, 90 cm. wide, 38 cm. thick.



Plate 22. STELA 11 WITH TRACING

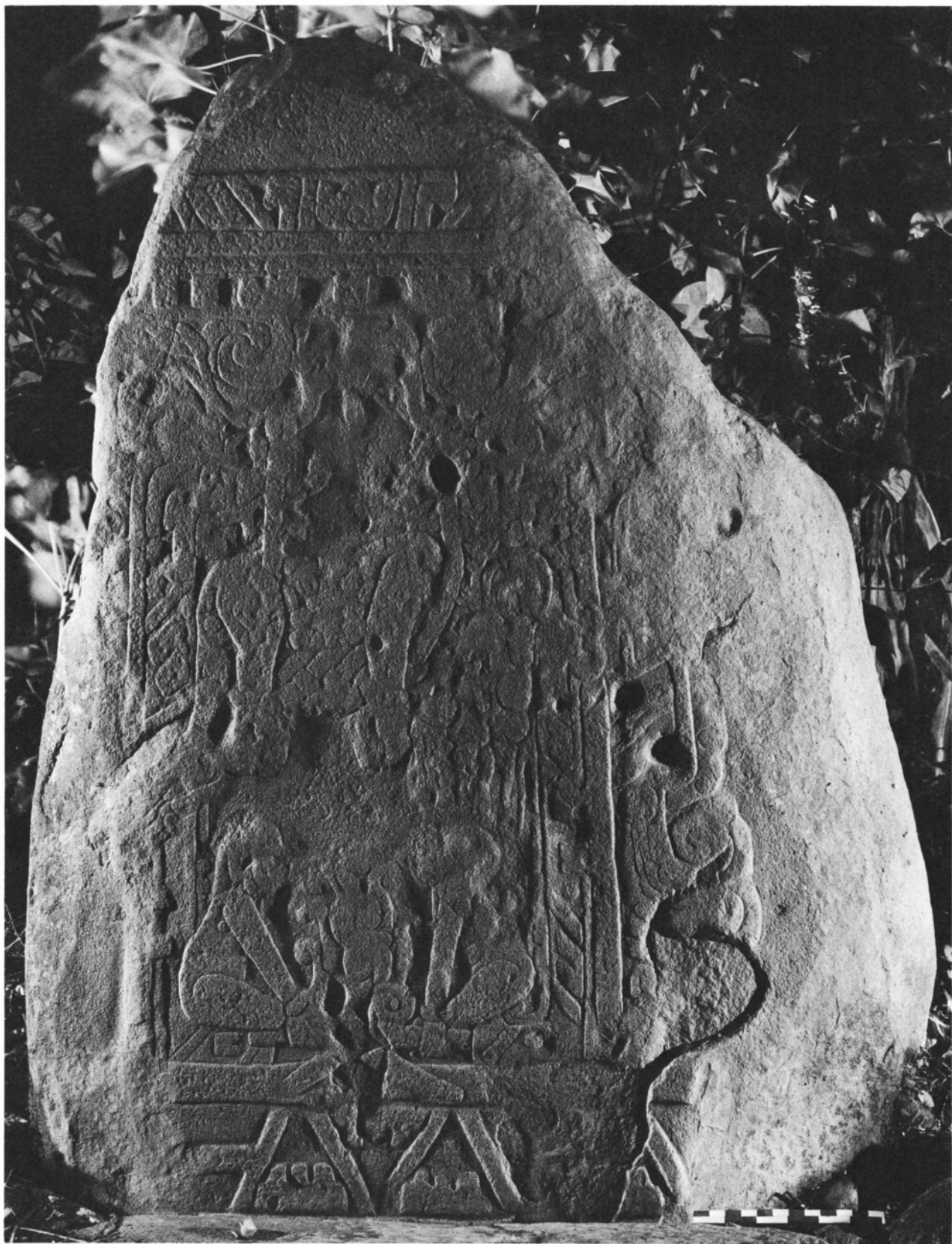


Plate 23. STELA 12

A limp jaguar on a mat is suspended by ropes from the heads of a double-headed-U earth serpent above a fire attended by two human figures; blood or water pours from the jaguar's mouth and a rain cycle glyph appears at the right of the serpent's body. Group B, Mound 47, facing East, associated with Altar 8. Gray andesite; 200 cm. high, 150 cm. wide, 50 cm. thick.



Plate 24. STELA 12 WITH TRACING



Plate 25. STELA 14

A composite jaguar-serpent is carved above a stepped cartouche which encloses two seated human figures. Group C, Mound 9, facing North, associated with Altars 10, 78, 79, and 80.

Gray andesite; 185 cm. high, 150 cm. wide, 55 cm. thick.



Plate 26. STELA 14 WITH TRACING



Plate 27. STELA 18

Priests or nobles and their attendants are depicted performing a rite around an incense burner. Group D, Mound 23, facing South, associated with Altar 14. Gray andesite; 170 cm. high, 95 cm. wide, 53 cm. thick.



Plate 28. STELA 18 WITH TRACING



Plate 29. STELA 19

Elements of the jaguar mask panel surround a prominent nostril element (rounded and inverted U) beneath a complete jaguar mask panel. Group E, Mound 82, facing West, associated with Altar 16. Volcanic tuff; 118 cm. high, 70 cm. wide, 35 cm. thick.



Plate 30. STELA 19 WITH TRACING



Plate 31. STELA 20

Elements of the jaguar mask panel surround a prominent, banded, bifurcated serpent's tongue. Group E, Mound 82, facing West, associated with Altar 17. Volcanic tuff; 120 cm. high, 70 cm. wide, 35 cm. thick.



Plate 32. STELA 20 WITH TRACING



Plate 33. STELA 21

A human figure is shown decapitated by a priest; the victim's spirit is possibly being transported to the land of the dead in a sedan chair. Group D, Mound 45, facing West, associated with Altar 18. Gray andesite; 150 cm. high, 100 cm. wide, 30 cm. thick.



Plate 34. STELA 21 WITH TRACING



Plate 35. STELA 22

An eroded human figure, which is shown with a jaguar crouched on a stepped element above its head, is seated in a boat resting on water; several rope-like serpents extend skyward from the boat, one intertwined with a small human figure standing above the right-hand profile deity mask (compare with Stela 67, Plates 53 and 54; because the photograph of Stela 22 was taken at an angle the design is somewhat distorted). Found in Group F during road construction and later (1960) stolen and recarved; photograph, taken in 1947, courtesy of Matthew W. Stirling and the National Geographic Society. Gray andesite; 105 cm. high, 88 cm. wide, 24 cm. thick.



Plate 36. STELA 22 WITH TRACING



Plate 37. STELA 23

A descending anthropomorphic storm god, flanked by a double-headed-U sky serpent, pours columns of rain into the water panel below. Group D, Mound 45, facing West, associated with Altar 19. Volcanic tuff; 129 cm. high, 96 cm. wide, 40 cm. thick.



Plate 38. STELA 23 WITH TRACING



Plate 39. STELA 24

Only the lower part remains of an elevated anthropomorphic deity flanked by diminutive human figures who attend incense burners. Group B, Mound 30d, facing North, associated with Altar 20 (Plates 59 and 60). Gray andesite; 120 cm. high, 105 cm. wide, 35 cm. thick.



Plate 40. STELA 24 WITH TRACING



Plate 41. STELA 25

A human figure, standing in the base panel and above a conch shell around the nose of an alligator-tree, holds a stylized tree-staff which supports a great masked bird connected to the staff and alligator by a twining, rope-like serpent. Group A, Mound 56, facing South, associated with Altar 60 (Plates 61 and 62). Volcanic tuff; 128 cm. high, 105 cm. wide, 50+ cm. thick (the back of this stela was removed about twelve years ago by vandals).



Plate 42. STELA 25 WITH TRACING

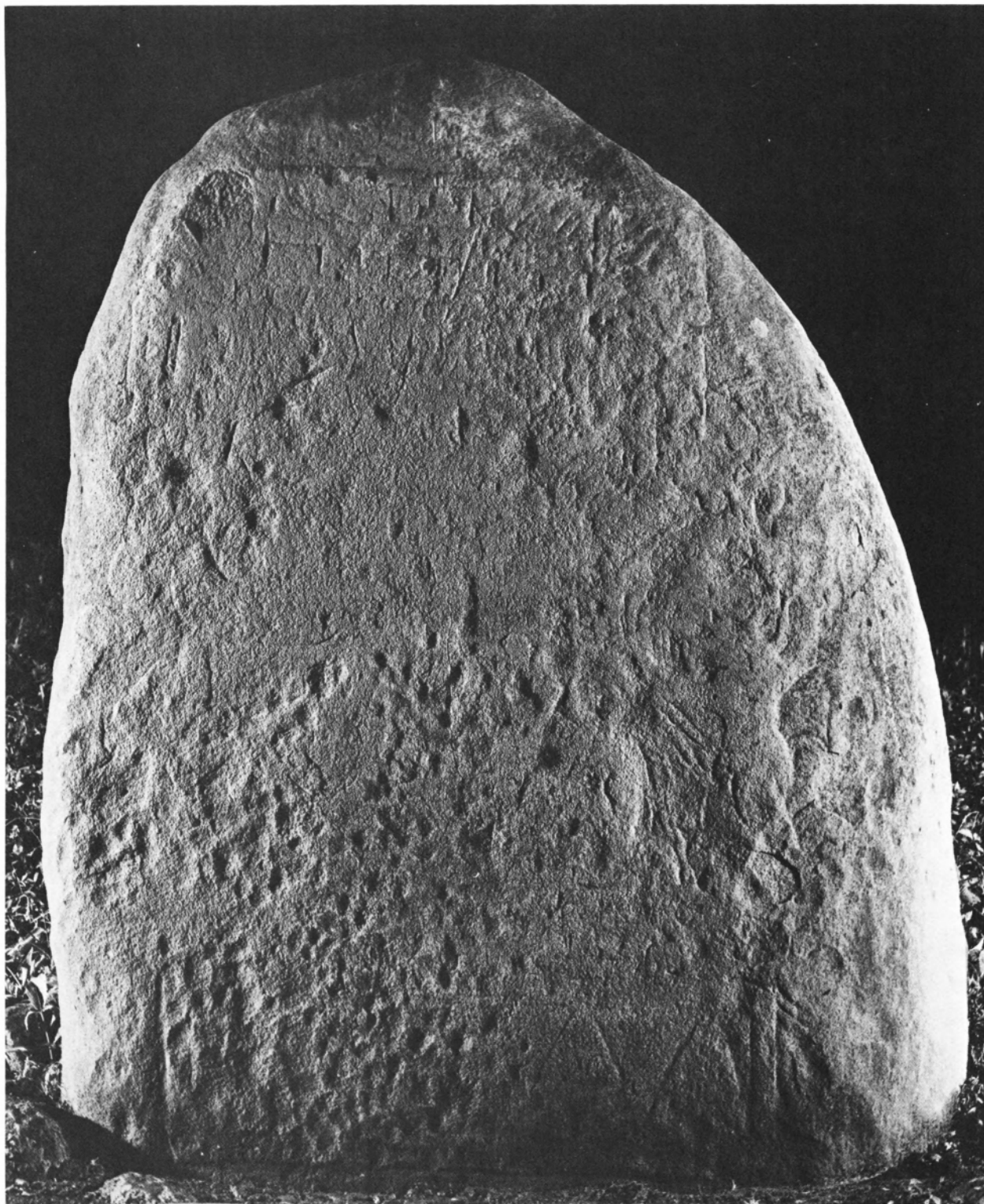


Plate 43. STELA 26

Rain symbols can be seen at the top and on the right, eroded human figures are discernible along the base panel, and a single figure sits above in a U symbol. Group A, Mound 56, facing South, associated with Altar 21. Gray andesite; 155 cm. high, 125 cm. wide, 38 cm. thick.

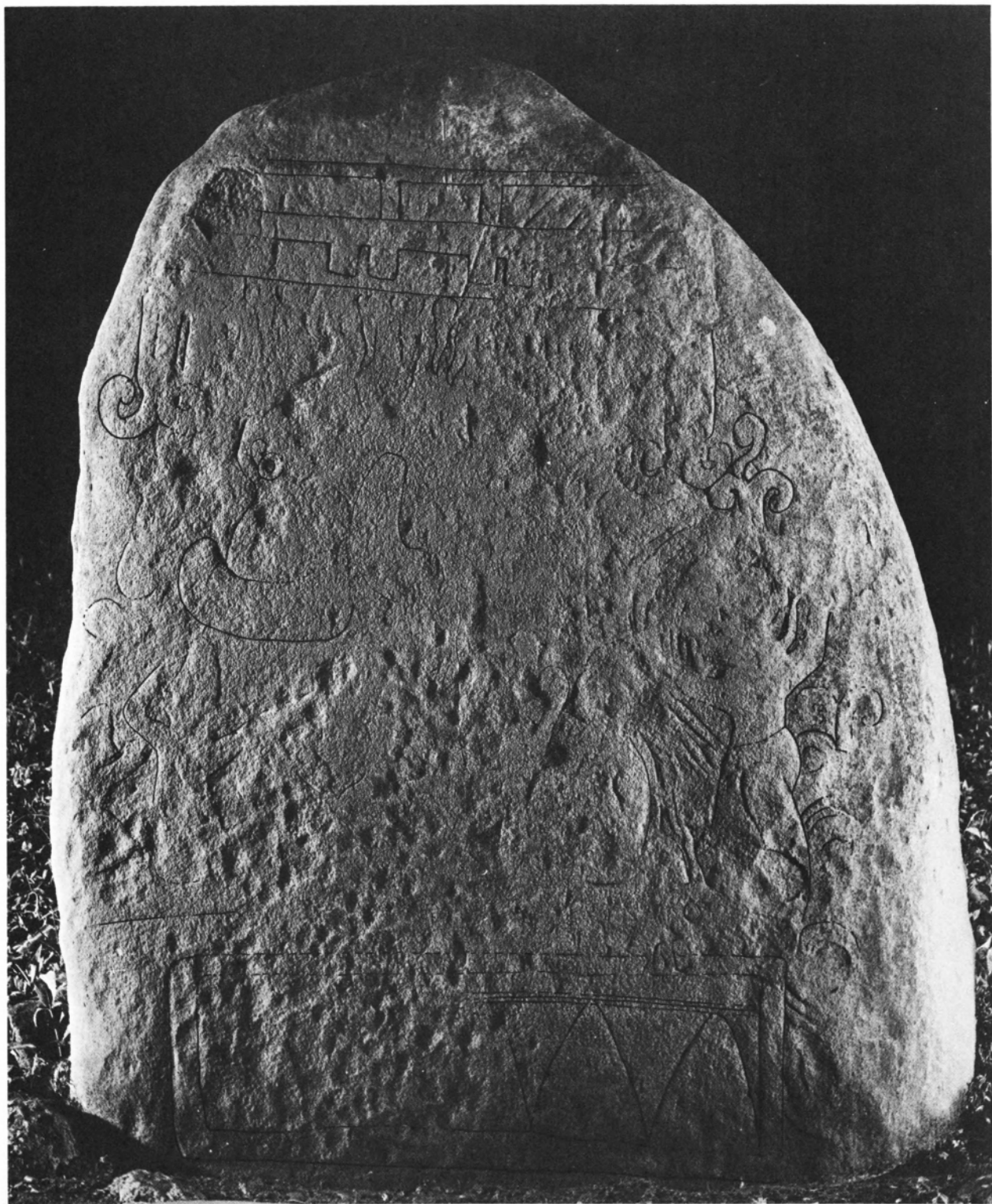


Plate 44. STELA 26 WITH TRACING



Plate 45. STELA 27

Two human figures seem to communicate with each other above a seated animal. Behind the larger of the two is a tree with a *kan* cross cartouche on the trunk; the cartouche encloses a possible descending winged deity. There is an eroded celestial scene above and a terrestrial dragon below. Group A, Mound 57, facing West. Light gray decomposed granitic stone; 188 cm. high, 92 cm. wide, 35 cm. thick.

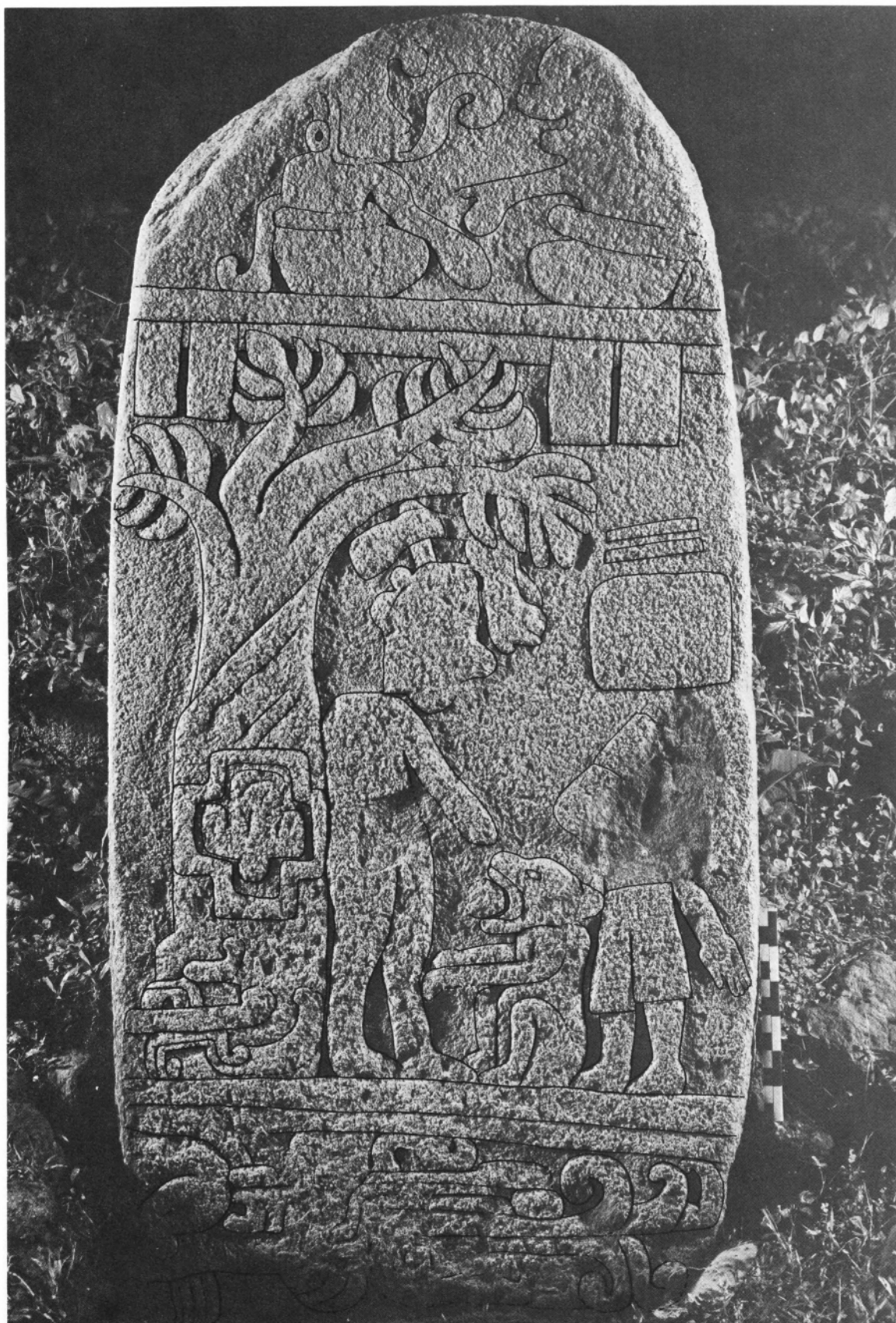


Plate 46. STELA 27 WITH TRACING



Plate 47. STELA 28

Pictured here is the metamorphosis of an insect shown as it emerges from the pupal stage.
Group B, Mound 30b, facing East. Volcanic tuff; 72 cm. high, 34 cm. wide, 25 cm. thick.



Plate 48. STELA 28 WITH TRACING

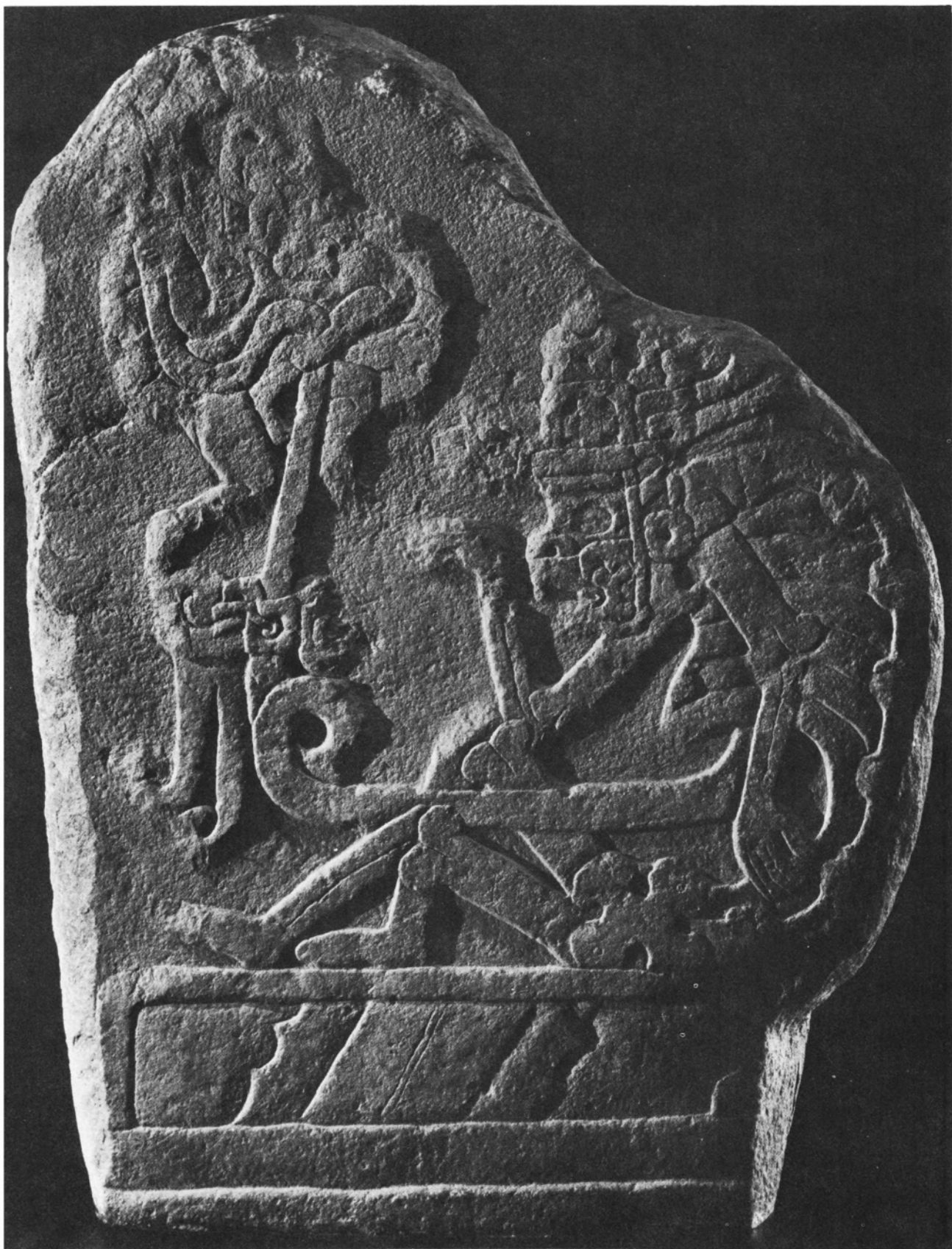


Plate 49. STELA 50

A winged figure rises on the umbilical cord of a skeletal god of death. Group B, Mound 47, facing East, associated with Altar 44. Gray andesite; 136 cm. high, 105 cm. wide, 40 cm. thick.

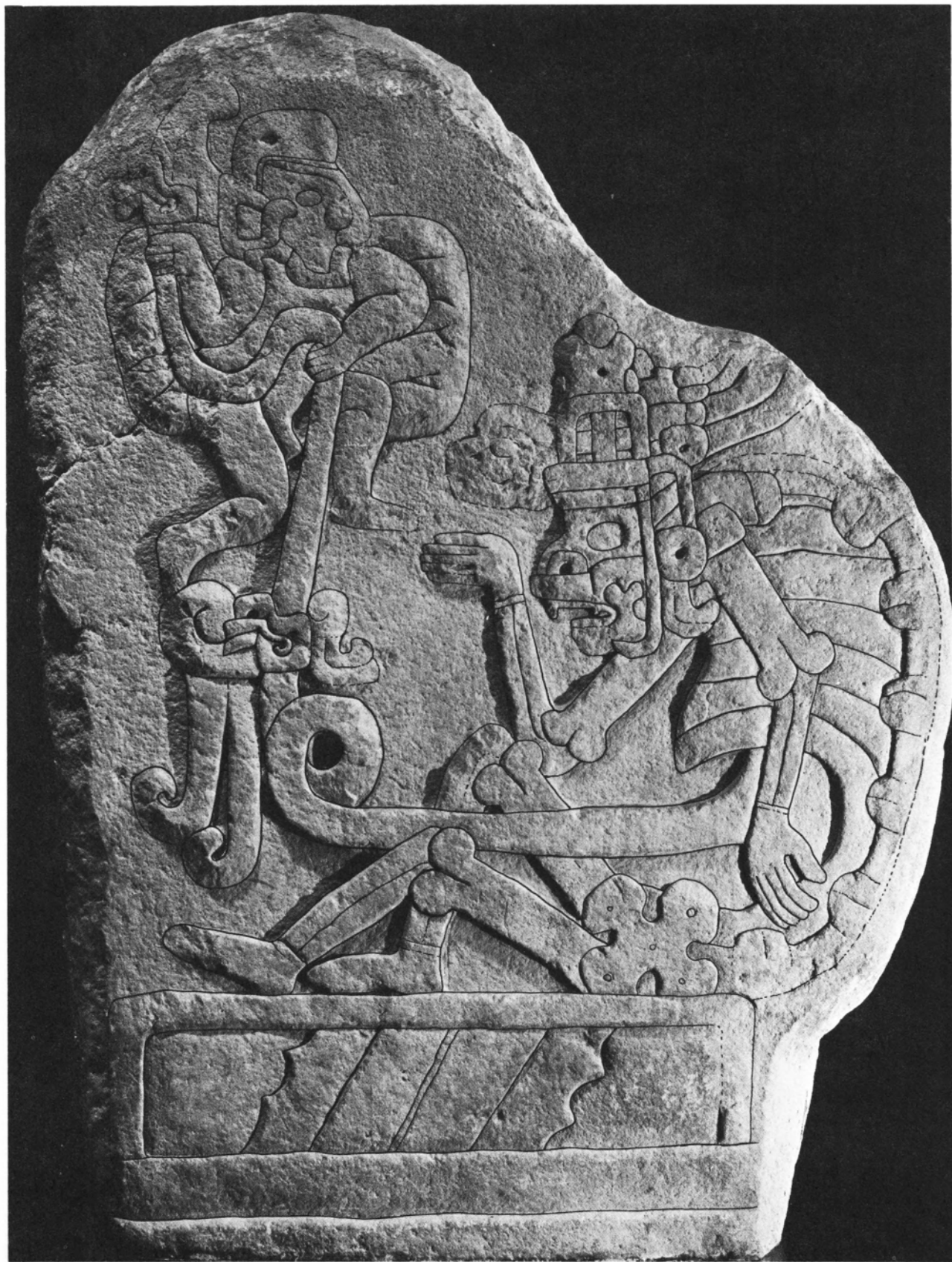


Plate 50. STELA 50 WITH TRACING

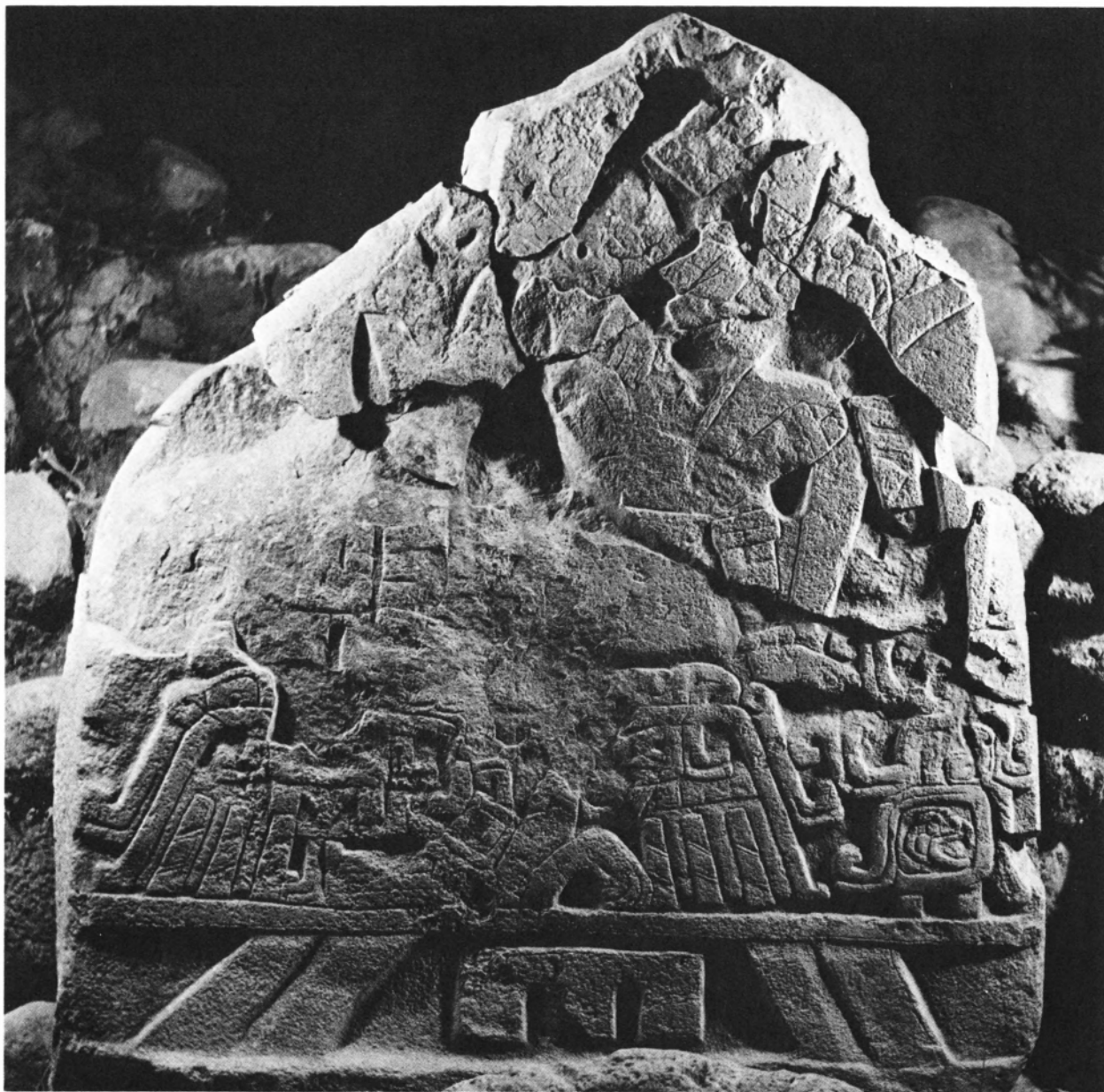


Plate 51. STELA 60

Above a recumbent winged deity a standing human figure faces a fallen ballgame contender (?). Group F, Mound 128, facing West, at the east end of the ballcourt, associated with Miscellaneous Monument 33. Gray andesite; 140 cm. high, 130 cm. wide, 25 cm. thick.



Plate 52. STELA 60 WITH TRACING



Plate 53. STELA 67

An anthropomorphic deity impersonator sits in a boat supported above water with the aid of a rope or serpent; the feet of a small suspended human figure appear above the right-hand profile deity mask (compare with Stela 22, Plates 35 and 36). Group F, Mound 126, facing South. Feldspar; 62 cm. high, 88 cm. wide, 18 cm. thick.



Plate 54. STELA 67 WITH TRACING

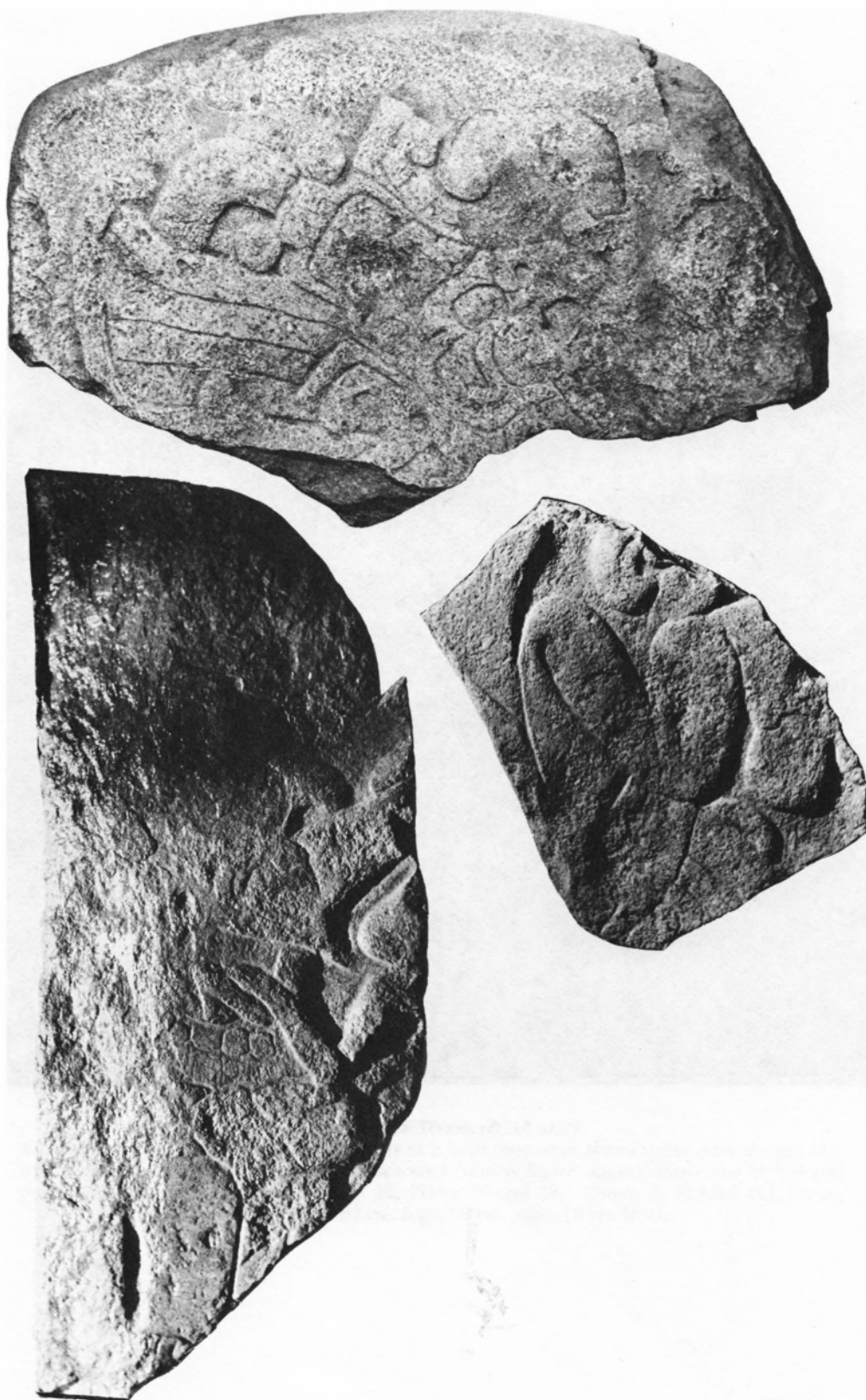


Plate 55. STELA 69

A priestly figure stands at the lower left with his left arm raised, and a prominent profile deity mask above replaces the typical jaguar mask panel. Group F, fragments found in Mound 126 fill. Gray volcanic stone; 140 cm. high, 75 cm. wide, 20 cm. thick.

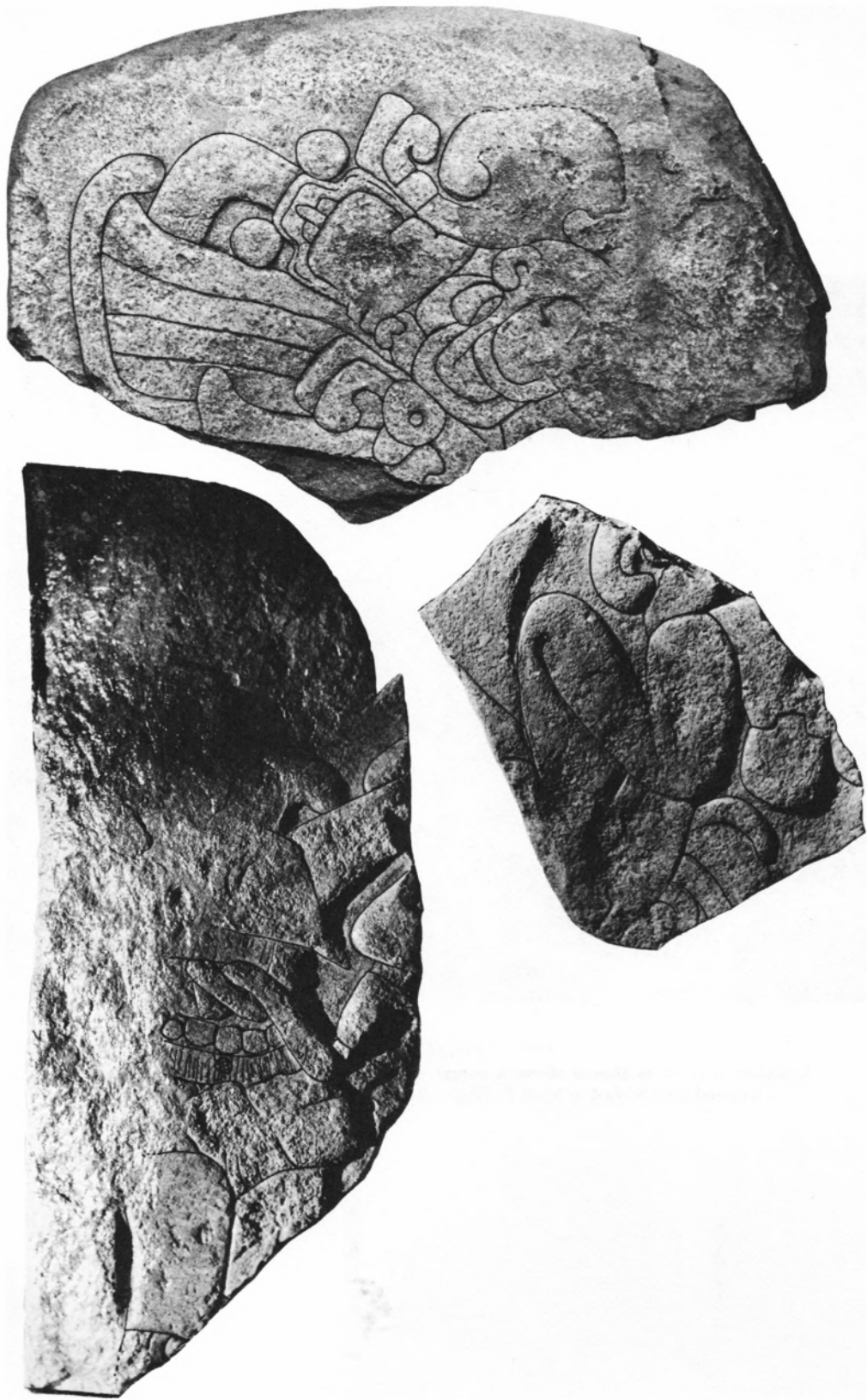


Plate 56. STELA 69 WITH TRACING



Plate 57. ALTAR 3

A man-bird deity is shown above a jaguar mask panel. Group A, Mound 56, originally associated with Stela 4 or Stela 7. Gray volcanic tuff; 40 cm. high, 146 cm. in diameter.



Plate 58. ALTAR 3 WITH TRACING

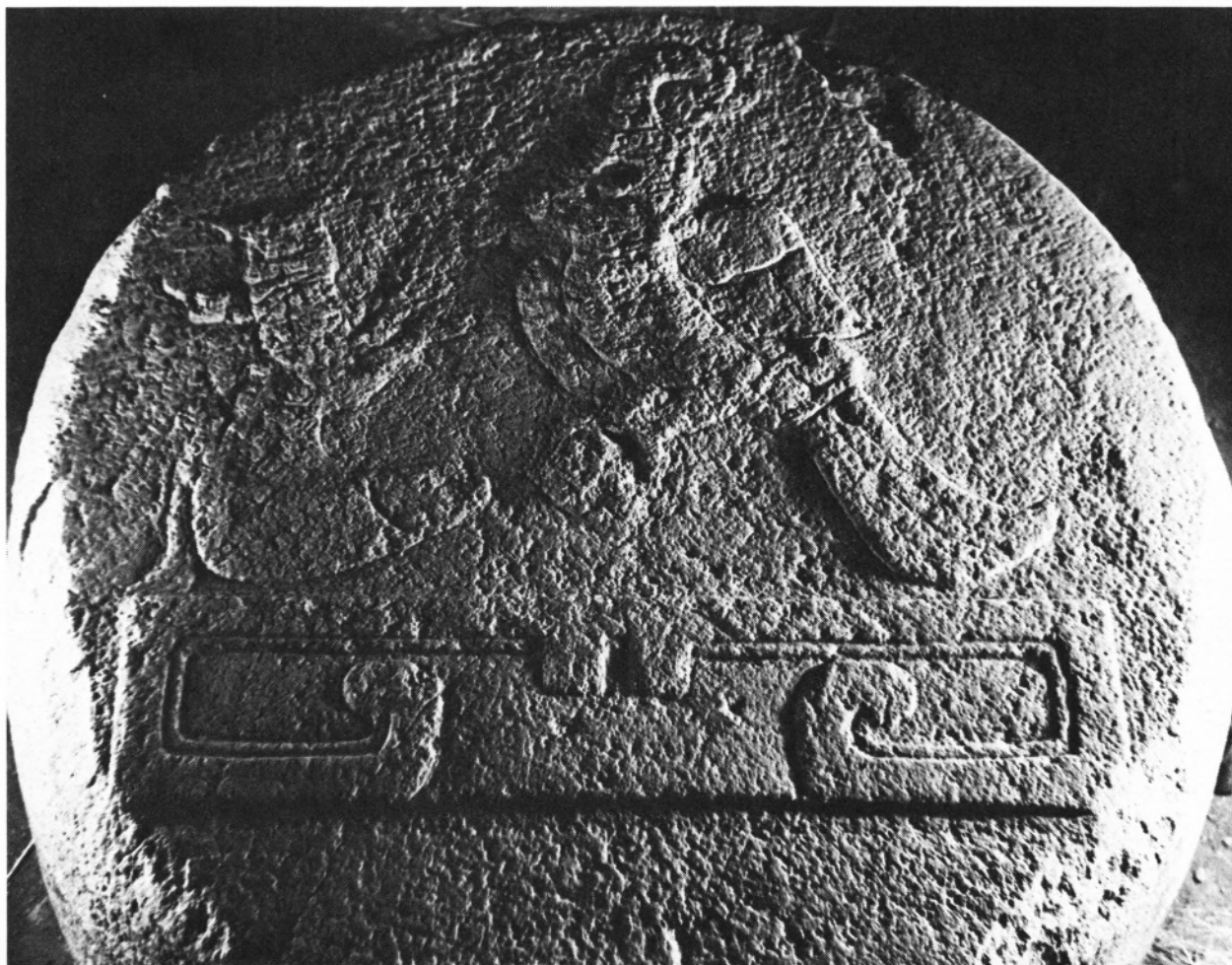


Plate 59. ALTAR 20

A human figure raises his arms in supplication to an elevated bird deity. Group B, Mount 30d, associated with Stela 24. Gray andesite; 54 cm. high, 130 cm. in diameter.

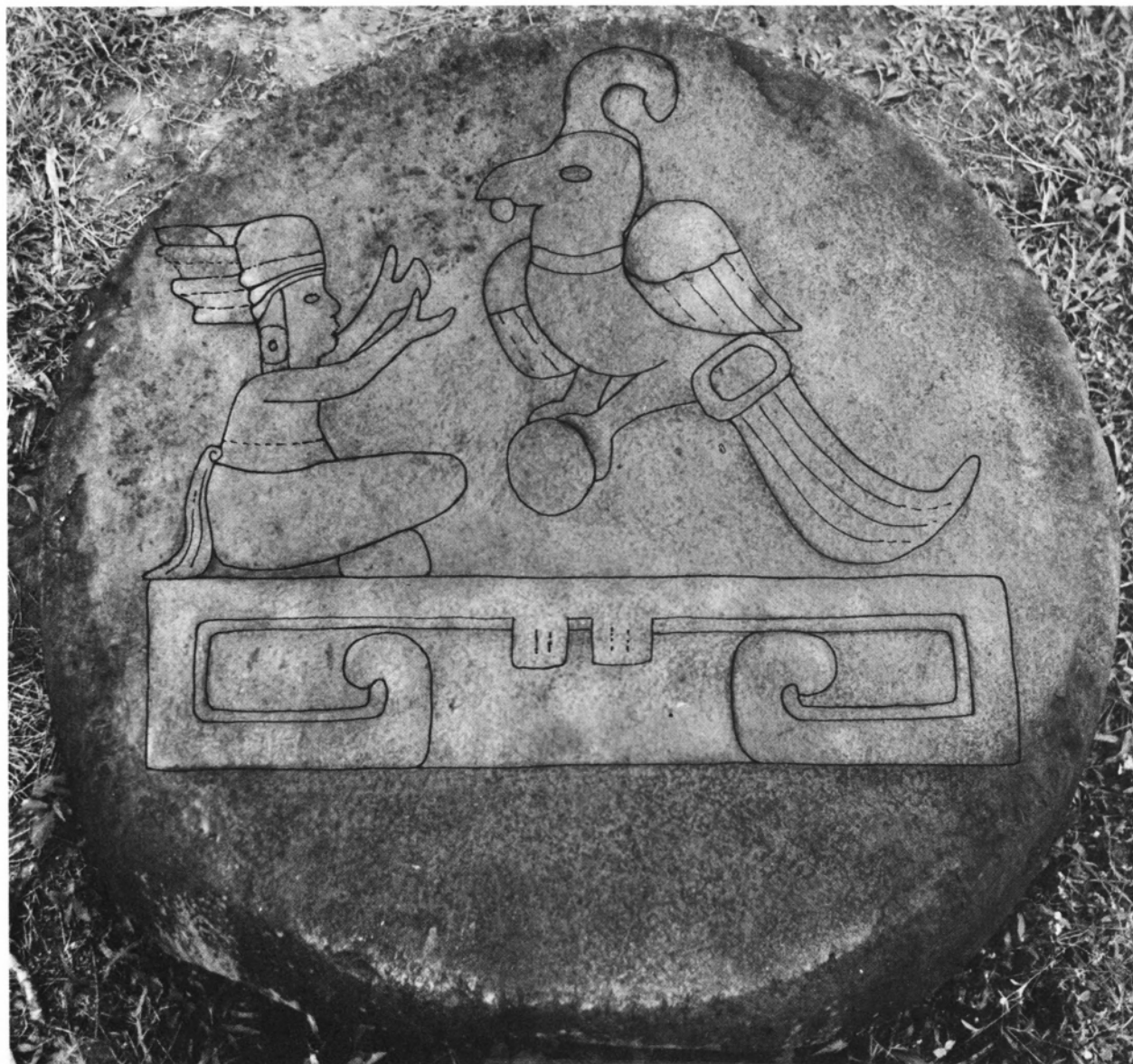


Plate 60. ALTAR 20 WITH TRACING

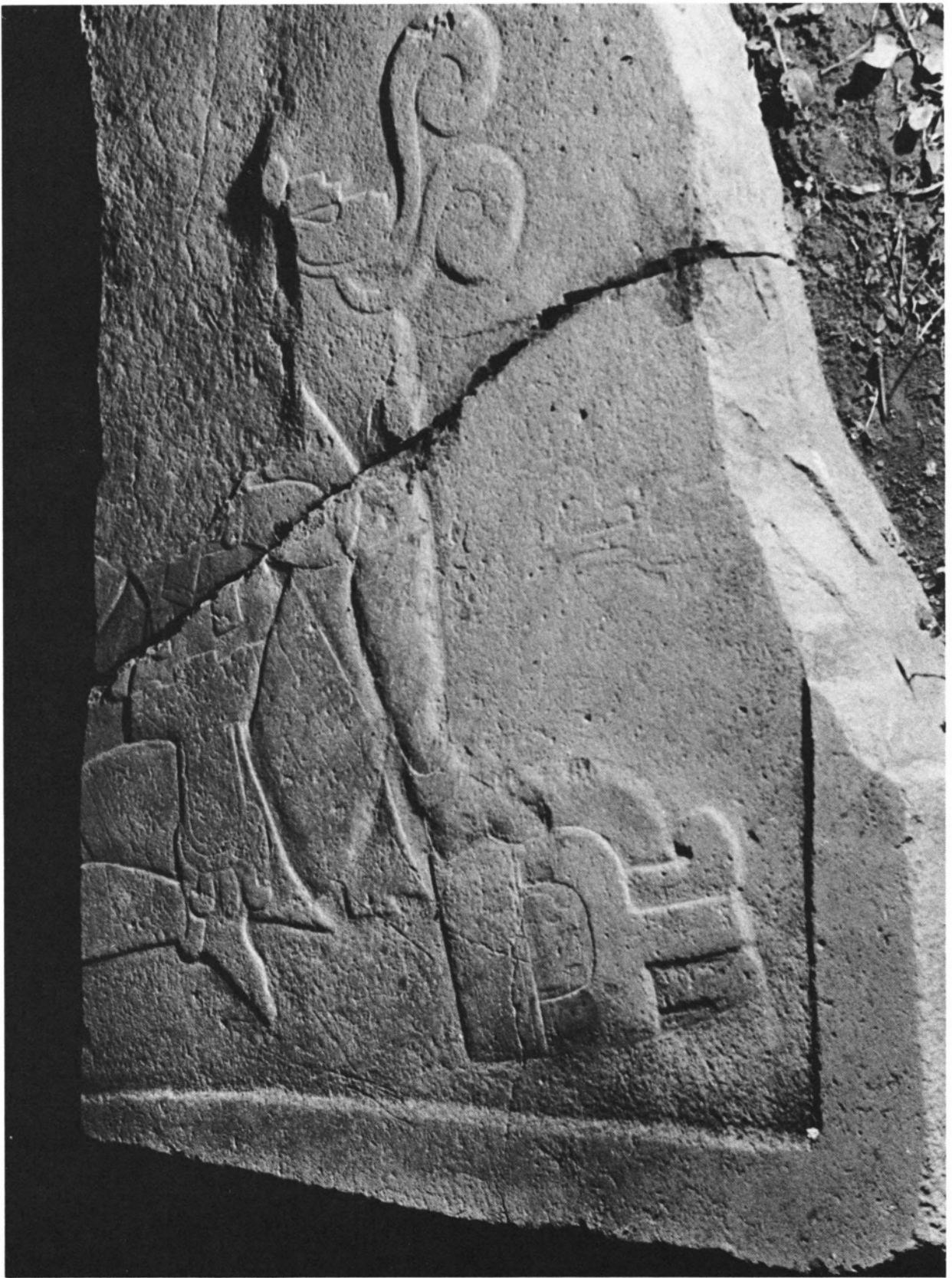


Plate 61. ALTAR 60

A fallen or reclining human figure is depicted with his left foot resting on a glyph; because the photograph was taken at an angle the design is somewhat distorted. Group A, Mound 56, associated with Stela 25. Fresh pyroxene andesite; 110 cm. high, 128 cm. wide, 35 cm. thick.



Plate 62. ALTAR 60 WITH TRACING



Plate 63. THRONE 1

Downward-gazing profile deity masks decorate the sides of the throne. An extremely worn crossed bands motif carved on the upper surface is best preserved toward the rear of the throne. Group B, Mound 30, associated with pedestal and ball Miscellaneous Monuments 5 and 6. Gray andesite; 45 cm. high, surface 98 x 150 cm., "table top" 20 cm. thick.



Plate 64. MISCELLANEOUS MONUMENT 2

A faceless human figure is shown within the open jaws of a mythical monster (serpent-jaguar?). Group B, Mound 30, facing South. Photograph, taken in 1941, courtesy of Matthew W. Stirling and the National Geographic Society. Gray andesite; 235 cm. high, 175 cm. wide, 60 cm. thick.